

Happy New Year!

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MOMENT FOR MISSION

This month, on Thursday December 8, Heritage held its monthly Food Pantry and Hot Meal program and we had 133 people attend our pantry. This was 133 households consisting of 509 people, including 224 children. We gave out approximately 31 items to each household for a total of about 4,125 individual items of food including cans, boxes and bags of food, bread, meat, a bag of potatoes and a bag of apples.

In addition to the Food Pantry, the kitchen staff also served 137 Hot Meals. This month the Hot Meal consisted of a complete Christmas meal, including ham, scalloped potatoes, herbed corn, fruit salad and rolls. It was delicious.

It is important to note that in October we had 20 new clients attend our pantry. Last month we had 28 new clients and this month, we had another 26 new clients. The economy appears to be hurting more people each month.



<h2 style="margin: 0;">DEACONS' NEWS </h2>	
<p>Thank you!</p> <p>The deacons would like to thank everyone who gave/donated to the Christmas Giving Tree.</p> <p>We were able to help EVERY child on our list.</p> <p>We hope you and your family have Happy New Year!</p>	<p>CARING CARDS</p> <p>Email Cheryl Poyle if you know someone who would benefit from a message of "caring." cpoyle@yahoo.com</p> <p>Look for more information about our outreach program. Heritage Mission Commission</p>
<p>COMMUNION</p> <p>Along with the pastor, deacons take communion to our homebound members & friends.</p> <p>Contact Dolores Hirst (277-6691) if you know anyone who would like to receive communion.</p>	<p><i>Deacon's Life</i></p>  <p><i>As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.</i> <small>1 Peter 4:10</small></p>

DPNC UPDATE

Designated Pastoral Nominating Committee Update



The committee has been hard at work and deep in prayer as we search for the right pastor for Heritage Presbyterian Church.

We were originally presented with four candidates, each of whom possessed significant strengths.

After initial interviews, the committee decided to further explore two of those candidates; the exploration will include:

In-depth checking of references; this is currently in process and a background check was already completed by the Presbytery.

In-depth second interview for the candidate(s) whose reference checks inspire even more interest.

Listening to preaching (through tapes, neutral pulpit opportunities and/or the candidate preaching to the committee.

After we go through this process with both candidates, these are the possibilities:

The committee is still deeply interested in both candidates: if this occurs, the committee will meet to pray about and discuss which candidate to present to Heritage.

The committee is deeply interested in one of the candidates: we will present that candidate to Heritage.

The committee has decided that neither is the right candidate: Presbytery will search for and recommend a second set of candidates and the process will begin again.

As this process unfolds, it's important that each of us thinks about how we will welcome and support our new pastor. That day is getting closer!

FROM THE PASTOR!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
As a parting written word to all of you, I turn to the Apostle Paul
in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-25:

“But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.”

It is with mixed feelings that I leave this temporary post as one of your part-time Interim Pastors. You have taught me so much, and I have grown both professionally and personally by spending these ten months in ministry with you. The gifts within this congregation are abundant and I hold tremendous hope for your future as a beacon of the light of Christ, not only in Amherst, but in the surrounding communities of Vermilion, Lorain, Elyria, Oberlin and elsewhere. I will miss preaching on a weekly basis and the special blessings that come with preparing a word from the Lord for people whom I care so deeply about. I will miss seeing you on Sunday mornings and hearing your voices raised in song. But I know that soon you will surround a new pastor with your love and support and be a blessing to that new person. The best gift you can give that new person is your UNITY as a congregation, practicing peace among yourselves.

“And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them.”

We all know there are people who have stepped away from involvement at Heritage for one reason or another. Don't let them drift too far. Be caring, but engaging with them. Don't let them get too comfortable on the sidelines and make sure they know they are missed and needed! Even Christians can become faint-hearted (literally, 'small of soul') from time to time and need to be pointed to the strength that comes from the One who gives us courage, commitment, faith, and the ability to forgive one another.

“See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.”

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FROM THE PASTOR!

This is enough to keep us all busy in the new year! When Paul says, "Rejoice always," he is not saying "Cheer up!" or "Get happy!" He is talking about keeping ourselves centered in the deep joy that knows, regardless of the darkness of the hour, we are children of light rather than darkness; we belong to the light. The saints persevere, not because of our steadfastness, but because God is faithful. Sometimes the Spirit wants to do something new in a congregation; be open to it!

“May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us.”

As for me, I look forward to continuing ministry with my husband at John Knox Presbyterian, helping my oldest find a college and shepherding my younger three through the interesting period of life known as adolescence. Please pray for my family as I will continue to pray for you.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Rev. Jessie MacMillan.

THANK YOU!

This corner sends a BIG THANK YOU to the people who make a difference in our church. It also may draw your attention to an area of the church that you may want to visit to see what is being done to improve the church.

“Thank You” to our two Interim Ministers, Rev. Mack Peel, PhD, and Rev. Jessica MacMillan for the GREAT job that they have done in leading our congregation through this last year. Their contracts have both come to an end, they will both be missed! **“Thank You”** to the YMCA and its members for the donation of \$522.00 to the Water Fountain Fund!

“Thank You” to Beth Powers and her committee members for the wonderful Christmas Party! It was special!

“Thank You” to ALL of the Food Pantry volunteers for all of their hard work this past year. As you know, without your work, there are many families in Lorain county that would go without!

“Thank You” to ALL of the members of the Heritage Congregation for hanging in there through this past year. I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! John Powers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Group Lock-In begins on Sunday, January 1, at 8:00 p.m. and ends on
Monday, January 2, at 10:00 a.m.

PW Women meets in the Conference Room, Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30 a.m.
Eileen Lindsay will be the study leader, Joan Leckrone will lead devotions and
Dolores Hirst and Cheryl Poyle will be the hostesses.

Food Pantry Set-Up and Distribution in Heritage Hall, Thursday, January 12,
at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Church office will be closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 16.

Book Group meets at the home of Cathy Dickerson, 501 N. Woodhill Dr.,
Amherst, on Tuesday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m. We will discuss
The Wednesday Letters by Jason F. Wright. Please RSVP at 988-4602.

Session meets in the Conference Room, Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Strengthening Families meets in Heritage Hall, Mondays,
January 23 - March 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Deacons meet in the Conference Room, Tuesday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m.

Winter Jam Sunday, January 29. Please arrive at church before 2:30 p.m.
Leaving at 3:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

ACG meets in the Conference Room, Monday, January 30, at 9:30 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION



The Winter-Spring offerings for Adult Christian Education Classes include some interesting and challenging subjects, as the list below makes clear. Once again, a variety of volunteer teachers will prepare and teach the lessons, and we will meet in the Conference Room on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Barry Kniceley, instructor.

It is an excellent investment of time in growing your faith and having a chance to discuss issues that demand a thinking Christian's reflections. Our curriculum is drawn from the PC-USA's *Thoughtful Christian* series.

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Jan. 1 - Lust & Chastity

Jan. 8 - Gluttony & Temperance

Jan. 15 - Greed & Generosity

Jan. 22 - Sloth & Caring

Jan. 29 - Wrath & Patience

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH CUSTODIAN (PLEASE READ)

Please note that a **custodian** for Heritage Presbyterian Church has NOT been hired yet. In fact, there is NO plan at this time to hire anyone for this job. Yes, it would be nice if we had one, but we don't, so the job falls on each of us.

Frequently, we are finding outside church doors unlocked. Most of the time, they are, in fact, locked but they don't always latch closed. PLEASE, when you go out a door, pull or push it to confirm that it latches. One open door at the wrong time will allow undesired vandals into the church. God has been watching over us but we should do all we can to help our own cause.

There have been numerous dirty dishes and garbage in the old kitchen for several weeks. Also, if you make coffee, please empty the coffee pot when you are finished with it, wash it out, dump the grounds out of the basket and wash it, and unplug the coffee pot.

As stated above, there is NO **custodian**, and even if we had one, this would not be his or her job. PLEASE clean up after yourself when using dishes or anything in the church.

Finally, there continues to be instances of lights being left on in the C.E. Wing, and the heat is being left on in various areas. Please be sure to turn off the lights and check the heat before you leave the building.

I apologize to anyone who is offended by this message but it needed to be said.

“Thank You”! John Powers

Our Corner

Heritage Presbyterian Church
Children and Youth Ministry

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SPRING 2012

Confirmation class for children in 7th & 8th grade begins February 5. Sign-up now! Deadline is January 22.

***Find us on Facebook: HPC Children and Youth Ministry Director**
Email: rebeca_nieves@yahoo.com

K-8th Graders

Kids Church at 10:30 a.m.

1-Family worship-No kids church

8-Jesus Came to Fulfill the Law

Matthew 5:17

15-Love God

Mark 12:30

22-Love Your Neighbor

Mark 12:31

29-Pleasing God

Matthew 5:1-7 and

Jesus is Baptized

Mark 1:1-14



Youth Group Meetings

Saturdays from 2:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m. in the C. E. Wing. Don't miss out!

Sunday–Jan. 1–Lock-In at 8:00 p.m.

7-No Meeting

14-YG Meeting

21-YG Meeting

28-YG Meeting

Youth Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.

1-Family worship

8-Open discussion

15-Open discussion

22-Open discussion

29-Open discussion

29-Winter Jam at 5:00 p.m.

Volunteer Teacher Needed

We need an adult volunteer to help as a teacher assistant for the K-8th classes and help twice a month with the K-3rd grade. Training will be provided. If you feel God is calling you to work in the CCE Ministry, please contact Rebeca (670-1392) or rebeca_nieves@yahoo.com.



New Year's Day

Youth Group Lock-In



BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

PIZZA! MOVIES! GAMES! FELLOWSHIP!



Jan. 1, at 8:00 p.m.-Jan. 2, 10:00 a.m.

We hope to see you here!

Volunteers, Chaperones & Donations are needed.

Please contact Rebeca if you can help.



To sign-up and for more info, please contact Rebeca @ rebeca_nieves@yahoo.com or 670-1392



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For info, donations & sign-up contact Rebeca @ 670-1392 or rebeca_nieves@yahoo.com

JANUARY 2012

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1-Rev. Jessica MacMillan Last Service Scriptures Ecclesiastes 3:1-10 Galatians 4:4-7 Adult Ed-9:30 a.m. Youth SS-9:30 a.m. Youth Group Lock-In 8:00 p.m.-Heritage Hall-</p>	<p>2-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Lock-In Ends-10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>3-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.- CE Wing-</p>	<p>4-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>5-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Bells-6:00 p.m. Choir-7:30 p.m. -Music Room-</p>	<p>6-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8-Rev. Malcolm Peel Scriptures Acts 1:12-14 John 17:1-11 Adult Ed-9:30 a.m. Youth SS-9:30 a.m. Kids Church-10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>9-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>10-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. PW Women-9:30 a.m. -Conference Room- Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' A-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>12-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Food Pantry-8:30 & 10:00 a.m. -Heritage Hall- Bells-6:00 p.m. Choir-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>14-Youth Group-2:00 p.m. -CE Wing-</p>
<p>15-To Be Announced Adult Ed-9:30 a.m. Youth SS-9:30 a.m. Kids Church-10:30 a.m. Hall in use-3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>16-Martin Luther King Office Closed Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>17-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. Overeaters' A-7:30 p.m. Book Group-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>19-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Bells-6:00 p.m. Choir-7:30 p.m. Session-7:00 p.m. -Conference Room-</p>	<p>20-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>21-Youth Group-2:00 p.m.</p>
<p>22-Rev. Zimmerman Adult Ed-9:30 a.m. Youth SS-9:30 a.m. Kids Church-10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>23-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Strengthening Families -5:30 p.m. Heritage H.</p>	<p>24-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. Overeaters' A-7:30 p.m. Deacons-6:30 p.m. -Conference Room-</p>	<p>25-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>26-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Bells-6:00 p.m. Choir-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>28-Youth Group-2:00 p.m. New Beginnings Retreat Look for more information in your Sunday bulletin!</p>
<p>29-Rev. Zimmerman Adult Ed-9:30 a.m. Youth SS-9:30 a.m. Winter Jam-5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>30-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. ACG-9:30 a.m. -Conference Room- Strengthening Families -5:30 p.m.-</p>	<p>31-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. Overeaters' A-7:30 p.m.</p>				

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2-Ben Schafer
3-James Giancaterino, Carol Snyder
4-Cathryn Bacon, Ken Kramer
7-David Maiden
8-Grant Berman, Mikenna Folley,
Sue Giancaterino
9-Kristi Gaetz, Jean Hoff,
Denise Landreth
11-Joseph Ramsey
12-Jerry McDonald, Ashley Schafer
13-Jowdy Johnson
16-Stephanie Curci, Kathleen Sayre
18-William DeWitt, Brian Kniceley
19-John Rhoades
20-Jan Odenweller
21-DeLores Bayne,
Nathan Smucker
23-Alexandra Medve
24-Jeremy Marcaly, William Molina
27-Bonnie Jones, Cynthia Watkins
28-Kristoffer Hudson,
Beann Norris
29-Kay Dickerson, Janet Mamrak,
Jan Schroeder
31-Barbara Brown, Roger Welling,
Christian Young

SCRIPTURES & SERMONS

- 1-Rev. Jessica MacMillan's Last Service
Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 3:1-10,
Pew Bible page 581 &
Galatians 4:4-7, Pew Bible page 178
Sermon: "The Fullness of Time"
8-Rev. Malcolm Peel
Scriptures: Acts 1:12-14,
Pew Bible page 110 &
John 17:1-11, Pew Bible page 105
Sermon: "The Power of Prayer"
15-To be announced
22-Rev. Dennis Zimmerman
29-Rev. Dennis Zimmerman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

13-Jim & Carol Snyder

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SESSION:

Susan Callahan, elder	Nancy Curci, elder
Jim Giancaterino, elder	Anita Maiden, elder
Kelly Sagert, elder	Sandra Hirst-Schoonmaker, elder
Ethel Moyers, clerk	Rev. Malcolm Peel, moderator

FINANCE OFFICE:

James Gates, treasurer
Michael Ireland, business manager
Garnett Shockey, financial secretary

DEACONS:

Dolores Hirst, chairperson	Brian Gates	Nancy Maiden
Gay McDonald	Cheryl Poyle	Judy Schütz

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